

Application No.: 09/683,795
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b.) Remarks

Claims 1-7 and 9-18 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9 and 10 are rejected. Claims 3 and 11 are objected to. Claims 12-18 are allowed.

Claims 3 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 3 was rewritten in the independent format (now amended Claim 1), incorporating the elements of Claim 3 and intermediate Claim 2 into Claim 1, which is now allowable. Claims 2-3 are canceled.

Claims 4-8 now depend off allowable Claim 1 and are allowable.

Claim 11 was rewritten in the independent format, incorporating the elements of Claims 9 and 10, it is now amended Claim 9. Claims 10-11 are canceled.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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